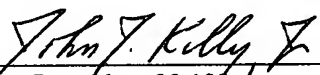


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AMENDMENT

S I R:

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2006. A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this amendment.